

Leicester, July 29/52.

Dear Miss Weston —

By the last Bazaar box from Bristol, I rec<sup>d</sup>. the accompanying packet of letters, rec<sup>d</sup>. by Mary Estlin from various correspondents. I read a part of them <sup>(Chapman's & Chalmers')</sup> about that time; — when the parcel got laid away, and I did not lay hands on it again till last week, when I brought it to Leicester with me, and have been occupied this afternoon in looking the ~~them~~ <sup>letters</sup> over. — I think you should see them before they go back, — especially Mr. Mapie's letter, & those of her sisters, relating to the Edinburgh defection last year. — I have also, at Miss E.'s request, to send them to McKim. — I should like them <sup>therefore</sup> returned as soon as quite convenient to you; and <sup>will</sup> you please mark on the outside wrapper "To be kept in Boston till Mr. M. comes". They may be sent to 21 Cornhill, or 5 Franklin Place. — I am here reminded to express to you the pleasure I felt in reading your letter to Mrs. Mapie in the "Advocate" a while since. You will find a compliment for you in one of Mr. Mapie's letters. Best regards to all your family — Yrs. Samuel May Jr.

I suspect the Esthirs have been disappointed  
not a little in Schamerozow. I don't believe he  
had as much integrity, honesty, & manliness, as  
they gave him credit for.

Chepman I believe to be a true man, I  
think his eyes are hardly yet fully open to the  
weakness, & not strength, which comes from  
alliances with half & half people.

I have had a note from C. Johnson today,  
Gay is not yet at the Office, and J. has had  
another paper to get out, unaided by him.  
This is highly unfortunate, but of course can't be  
helped, as Mr. J. is constituted. But it  
becomes a serious question, when every considerable  
illness, of each of his children, is to take him  
one, two, or more weeks from his editorial duties.  
- The leading article in this week's "Standard" is  
by Mr. Talbot of Maine; So C. J. tells me.